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ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chief Scout, in consultation with the Executive Committee of the National Scout Council, is pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs A.A. (Milly) Siebrits as Chief Executive of the South African Scout Association.

Mrs Siebrits is currently serving as Project Manager for the Association and as such attended the 21st World Scout Jamboree successfully to promote some of our projects in international Scouting.

The selection process was entirely open and transparent, and the appointment of a woman as Chief Executive for the first time in its hundred years of existence, is in step with the current transformation policy of the Association.

John Hunneyball Act. CEO SA Scout Association.

22nd WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE - SWEDEN

Preparations for the 22nd World Scout Jamboree during the Nordic Summer of 2011 have started. The site will be in the fields around Rinkaby, near to Kristianstad in southern Sweden. Look at

www.worldscoutjamboree.se/en/

JAMPAL REUNION Gilwell Florida Gauteng 1st August 2007

Fifteen "Jampals", those Scouters or scouts who had attended one or more World Jamborees or a National Jamboree in the past, gathered at Gilwell, Florida to remember "The good old days" and show memorabilia from those times. Among the 30 odd folk who attended was Gauteng Area Commissioner Jonathan Parenzee who addressed the gathering and promised to attend the very next World Jamboree.



L to R: Paul Hoenselaar (Nordjam Norway 1975), Hudson Victor (Central Africa 1959), Herb Brandli (Nordjam Norway 1975), Costa Carastavrakis (Greece 1963 and Japan 1971).



L to R: Hugh Scott, Ron Ferguson, Arthur Grant, Godfrey Micklethwaite, Anthony Ross, Doug Tiffin, all who attended Jim-Jam 1957

CONGRATULATIONS SPRINGBOK SCOUT AWARDS



Bronwyn Gopper - Gauteng
Kyle Olivier - Gauteng
Samantha Luke - Gauteng
Spencer-Rae Kerr - KwaZulu Natal
Murray Hodgskin - KwaZulu Natal
Robert Kingwill - Cape Eastern



L to R: Russell Micklethwaite (Canada 1983), Maureen de Bruyn nee Micklethwaite, (World Girl Guide Jamboree Austria 1981), Malcolm Micklethwaite (USA 1979), George Marsh (Scotland 2002)



THE 21st WORLD JAMBOREE IS OVER!

After the years of planning and execution, the 21st Jamboree is now just a memory for the 40 000 scouts who attended and the many more visitors who poured in, in bus loads, every day, to experience the greatest Jamboree ever held

I arrived at Heathrow Airport, Terminal 3 on the 27th July to be surrounded by thousands of scouts and their leaders, all from the Arab and Asian countries who's flights disgorged them at that terminal. They were whisked away for a special passport check, their baggage loaded onto buses, and in no time they were on their way to join the thousands of other Scouts at the Jamboree site. This gave me the first glimpse of the magnificent organization by the host country for this event. The same efficiency must have been going on at every other Terminal at Heathrow and other airports and entry points around the country.

Even though the Jamboree was on the go, London was saturated with Scouts from every part of the world. **BP House** in Kensington was pulsing with scouting life and was in itself like a great Scouting event, swapping, chatting and just getting to know each other. Everywhere you visited in the city, Scouts were there before you.

A visit to Gilwell at any time is an experience, but on 31st July, as the buses arrived with the 4000 scouts from the Jamboree site to take part in the special activities arranged for that day, together with the thousands of visitors already there, I was happy to bump into a number of South African Scouts and leaders from my home town, also Brian February the SA Contingent Leader and Theo Rijs the Contingent Info. person. They both looked quite relaxed even with their onerous jobs looking after the 220 South African Scouts and leaders at the Jamboree.



At last, 1st August dawned, the actual 100th Birthday of the Scout Movement. At Gilwell thousands of us gathered at the training ground, which had been converted as the main arena with a large stage and a massive



TV screen above it. At 8.00am sharp, the screen lit up with pictures of the Sunrise Ceremony on Brownsea Island. The very first Scout to be seen was Kelsey Micklethwaite, a South African Scout, holding the Kudu Horn, which was later blown during the ceremony by the United Kingdom Chief Scout, Peter Duncan. Kelsey was one of two South African Scouts, two Scouts from every participating nation at the Jamboree, taken to Brownsea for the occasion. At the Jamboree itself the Brownsea ceremony was also transmitted by TV to the throngs watching in the main arena.



A "Day Visitor" to the 21st Jamboree. My day was 2nd August. After parking my car at the North Weald Airport which was used as a staging post, we checked in and received our Jamboree book. With a green wrist band we were shepherded towards, and loaded on buses for the nine mile trip to the Jamboree. What a sight greeted us! First the avenue of flags through which we passed with the many Scouts and other "visitors" milling about. Past Hylands House on our right, almost blotted out by the number of foodstuff tents in front of it. To the left the World Scout Centre with the tents pitched in the shape of the Scout logo. Then the Global Development Boulevard and Village. Continuing on you reach the side of the Main Arena with its massive stage and 3 large TV screens so those at the back can see the activities on the stage itself. I then reached the Jamboree HQ and Media Centre with its large marquees and the frantic rush to get the Jamboree news out to the world and produce a daily camp newspaper.

By now you realized you have walked at least two kilometers and have not yet left the main path through the site. Still further on the "Trash Participant Activities" As you walk, on left and right of you, there are tents and more tents of the sub-camps where the Scouts are housed - 16 sub-camps in all and the large National Leader camp at the extremity of the site. By about lunch time I visited the Guest Services tent situated behind Hylands House. When the fellow in charge realized I was from far off South Africa, he whisked me into the VIP area, introduced me to some real big wigs and sat me down to lunch. Scouting is really wonderful.

During a short sharp rain shower I visited the South Africa tents in the World Scout Centre to come face to face with Theo Rijs again and with him Shehaam Joseph and her assistant, all doing their "thing" for South African Scouting.

Brownsea Island The frustrating wait for the first ferry to take you across to the place where boys were first introduced to Scouting. By 4th August, all the celebrations on the Island were over. The international work team was busy striking the many tents and transporting everything over to the loading dock to be brought back to the mainland.

The reconstructed campsite of B-P's camp, with specially made bell tents and the Scouts dressed in the garb of 1907 camp, were still in place. TV teams, mainly from the Far East, were busy catching the atmosphere on tape. On the site was the wooden "bridge for peace" assembled by scouts while all watched on TV, on the actual day, 1st August.



The two old "army huts" used by Scouting for many years on the Island have disappeared and have been replaced by a striking, modern complex with facilities for Scouting, reaching far into the future. They must still "weather" and fit into the old world atmosphere on Brownsea.

On my journey in the "hire" car I visited a number of other Scout campsites that dot the English countryside. Ten, I believe, in and about London alone, Gilwell Downe, Youldbury, further south near Small Dole, all with Summer Camps in full swing and with visitors from every part of the world. The activity structures, zip lines, climbing walls etc. all manned by volunteers and with the most modern safety equipment, are amazing. How many British and other Scouting individuals were on the British Isles during the Jamboree period? I don't think we will ever know.



From top, left: Prince William receives a South African scarf from Youlander Philander, Theo Rijs with the kudu horn; South Africans cheering the flag at the Opening Ceremony; the flags of the nations; a sea of Scouts at the Sunrise Service. **Centre:** The ladies from "Chile" Yolanda Philander, Lynda Lorimer, Shehaam Joseph; painted Scouts; Brian February meets Michael Baden-Powell. **Top right:** Walt and Tristan Goldie at the Opening Ceremony; Unidentified Pongola Scouts; a trek cart race; going carting; Byron impersonating a Mexican. *Photos Theo Rijs*



SOME AMAZING FACTS & FIGURES

40 000 Scouts from 180 countries and territories attended the Jamboree.

50 000 extra visitors and guests visited the Jamboree, arriving or leaving in buses every 10 seconds during the visitor days from and to North Weald Airport, which was used as a staging post, nine miles away.

The Jamboree site covered over a thousand acres of rolling English countryside. It took over 30 minutes to walk from one side to the other.

16 Sub-camps housing about 2 000 Scouts each were named after natural features Atoll, Fjord, Rain Forest, Volcano, Tundra etc.

12 000 Adults volunteered their services to work and make the Jamboree run. They were housed in the Adult Camping Area. 384 000 meals were served in the Adult restaurant.

400 Coaches were used to move the Participants and staff to off-site activities.

32 Lorry loads of food were delivered every night, just to the sub-camps.

Marquees used on site could cover five football pitches.

32 000 days of community work was carried out by Participants.

Jamboree Food Facts: 84 000 loaves of bread were eaten

11 200 pots were cooked in.

20 000kg of potatoes were boiled, baked or fried.

TROOP & PACK FLAGS

As part of our Troop and Pack ceremonies, flag break, investiture and Scout's Own, we bring out our flags. Some old and even dedicated, and kept in our church. Carried when we march in public places. It is known that we are a movement that uses flags.

At recent Centenary events I became aware that not all Groups have, or can afford a Troop or Pack flag. Some of our not so well off Groups have made their own flags. They have got hold of a drawing or pattern of the Scout logo or Wolf's head and getting the correct colour material have sewn their flag.

As a "Good Turn", Groups that can afford it, might think of presenting a flag to a Troop or Pack in their District or Region who do not have one, especially during this special time in our movement's history.

In May 2003 the new accommodation Lodge opened in Gilwell Park. The Lodge's large accommodation, dining and meeting facilities replace the old outdated portable cabins, without compromising Gilwell Park's natural surroundings.

In April 1947 a Memorial Tablet to B-P was unveiled in Westminster Abbey in London, by the Duke of Gloucester.

TEN WEST RAND SCOUTS attended a Church Service before going off to the 21st World Jamboree. They entered the church carrying the West Rand District flag and then proceeded to conduct part of the service.



L to R - Back: Byron Gopper, Graeme Vrgtman, Gerard Evans, Warren Cock. **Front:** Calvin Micklethwaite, Kelsey Micklethwaite, Stacey Dickinson, Bronwyn Gopper, Byron Micklethwaite, Terence Vrugtman.

South Africa issues Scout Centenary Postage Stamps. Post Office Philatelic pulls out all stops for the Scouts!

South Africa has joined all the other Countries and Territories, in commemorating the 100 years of our World Scout Movement by issuing a Miniature Sheet of two stamps together with a First Day Cover dated 22nd August at Cape Town, "Home" of South African Scouting's National Headquarters.

Due to circumstances beyond their control, the Philatelic Department was unable to meet the deadline of the 1st of August, "The Dawn of the Second Century of Scouting". But only through the diligence and hard work of the Production Manager Mr. Phetole Rapetswa and his team, the Issue came out on 22nd August. We are sure that our Founder Baden Powell had that date in his South African Diary more than once; he loved this Country and this Continent so much.

This is only South Africa's second Scout Issue, the first being a single stamp in 1982 to Commemorate the 75 Years of Scouting, depicting B.-P. in his Army Uniform together with a Scout Badge. Should you require details of all the Stamps issued, go to www.sossi.org and click on *Centenary New Issues*. There you will find a comprehensive list. The Websites of Scout and Guide Stamps Club SGSC. and Scouts on Stamps Society International SOSSI. are also full of information. Both Clubs are well worth joining if you are serious about collecting Scout and Guide Stamps.

You can purchase the Miniature Sheet for R7.80 and/or the First Day Cover for R 10.80. plus an admin- postal fee of R4.00 These may be obtained from your local Post-Office, or from National Scout Headquarters.

To date about 115 issues have appeared from round the World. So maybe this is the year to start your Scout Stamp Collection. And remember there are plenty Guides on Stamps as well, and their Centenary comes up in 2010!



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